NOTICES OF ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

PRESIDENT: I have received a certain number of notices of motions for the adjournment of the House. There is no rule specifically laying down the order in which I have to ascertain the desire of the House in regard to these motions. I have therefore taken the liberty of choosing the motion which in the nature of things is of the most urgent character. There are two notices of motions more or less on the same matter. One of the motions of Mr. Kuriakose relates to—

> "the serious situation created by the recent terrorising misdeeds, such as indiscriminate lathi charges on innocent people, extortion of money, assaulting women and children etc., of a batch of reserve police stationed at Ramangalam in Muvattupuzha taluk, which has caused grave apprehensions among the innocent, peaceful and law-abiding inhabitants of Ramangalam and the surrounding places".

The other relates to.—

> "the serious unrest caused recently at the western frontier of the State, especially in the Piravom Excise Range, as a result of recent struggles between the Excise staff and the smugglers owing to the want of proper and inadequate preventive measures in the frontier."

These two relate to the same matter and I wish to ascertain the desire of the House as to whether the honourable member has the leave of the House to make the motion.

Leave was granted.

PRESIDENT. The motion will be taken up for discussion at 3·30 P. M. to-day.

REGULATIONS ASSENTED TO BY HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA.

The Secretary reported that the following Bills have received the assent of His Highness the Maharaja.

1. The Travancore Ancient Monuments Preservation Bill.
2. The Travancore Rubber Control Bill.
3. The Travancore Agriculturists' Relief Bill.
4. The Travancore Life Assurance Companies Bill.

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 10,000 for additional wards for the General Hospital, under the P. W. D. heading. Everybody must be aware of the fact that last year a large number of patients had to be accommodated on the floor of the wards and in the verandas and great inconvenience was experienced for want of accommodation. Additional accommodation is a dire necessity. It was therefore decided then to construct four new wards at an estimated cost of Rs. 25,670. But only a sum of Rs. 15,000 was provided for the work in the current year's budget. The construction of three out of

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the four blocks of buildings is already in progress and is expected to be completed in about three months. Difficulties could be avoided if the fourth block also is taken up and completed with the others. This requires an additional allotment of Rs. 10,000. The amount cannot be found by diversion. Therefore, I request the House to grant this demand.

PRESIDENT : The question before the House is that a grant not exceeding Rs. 10,000 be granted under the Demand—Public Works Department.

The grant was made.

EDUCATION.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*): I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 45,000 under Demand—Education. The grant is required for payment of fee compensation to private schools in connection with the Fee Concession Scheme for backward and depressed class pupils. As the House is aware there is a very elaborate Fee Concession Scheme, and the Government have undertaken to compensate private schools, which accept the scheme, to the extent of 75 per cent. of the loss sustained by them. The allotment for this year for this purpose is Rs. 1,10,000 and it is found to be insufficient for meeting all the liabilities under this head. The fact is that owing to financial stringency in the years 1110 and 1111, the allotment under this head was only Rs. 90,000 though the average expenditure every year came to about Rs. 1,10,000. The result has been that a certain amount of arrears has accumulated for the year 1110 and especially for 1111. It is considered desirable that these arrears should be cleared and that the liability for this year is also paid up. The department has been seriously considering proposals for revising the whole Fee Concession Scheme; and, as some honourable members may be aware this scheme was subjected to an exhaustive investigation and scrutiny by the Advisory Board. Proposals have been placed before the Government and are under their serious consideration. If these proposals are accepted there will be a substantial reduction in the financial commitments of Government in future years. It is therefore considered necessary that the present liabilities should be extinguished, before the new scheme can be brought into operation next year. For this purpose a sum of Rs. 45,000 is required and I request that the House will be pleased to grant this amount.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether this amount is intended for payment to the depressed class students of 1110 and 1111? Have not those been paid yet?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*): The depressed class students had been given full fee concession by the private school Managers, and they have to be compensated to the extent of Rs. 45,000 for the loss sustained by them on that account.

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